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## ELIHU ROOT FOR CABINET

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### AS SECRETARY OF STATE

Unofficial Report That Tender of Portfolio Was Made by the President and Has Been Accepted.

A New York special says: It can be definitely stated that President Roosevelt has offered the position of secretary of state to Elihu Root and Mr. Root has accepted.

A dispatch from Oyster Bay is as follows: While no official confirmation is obtainable of the announcement that Elihu Root has accepted President Roosevelt's proffer of the secretaryship of state, in success to John Hay, it can be said that the president will authorize a statement to be made regarding the matter. The precise nature of the statement is not known.

Mr. Root boarded the president's special train at Jersey City just before it left for Cleveland at 5:45 on Tuesday afternoon. While the members of the president's cabinet retired to their apartments on the train at an early hour Tuesday night, the president and Mr. Root remained in conference for several hours. Then it was that the president broached the subject of Mr. Root's return to the cabinet.

All phases of the situation were considered carefully, but, at that time, Mr. Root did not indicate that he would accept the portfolio of state. On the return journey from the Hay funeral, their conference, interrupted by the mission on which they were gone to Cleveland, was resumed. A formal tender of the secretaryship of state, vacated by Mr. Hay was made to Mr. Root. His acceptance of the proffer was made in New York, and is believed to have been without reservation at all difficult to overcome.

The duties of the secretary of state appeal strongly to Mr. Root. On one or two occasions, notably during the boxer revolt, he attended, during the absence of Secretary Hay from Washington, to many of the details of the work, in addition to his duties as secretary of war, and he enjoyed the experience.

### MIKADO INSTRUCTS PEACE ENVOYS.

Tells Them That Their Mission is to Negotiate and Conclude Peace.

A Tokio special says: The emperor gave a farewell audience and lunch to Baron Komura, envoy from Japan to the approaching peace conference at Washington, and the staff of the Japanese peace committee Thursday. The emperor delivered an address to the peace plenipotentiaries as follows:

"The president of the United States, being grieved to find the war between Japan and Russia had not been brought to a close after the lapse of more than a year, and being impressed with the urgent need in the interest of peace of terminating the conflict, has suggested that the two governments appoint plenipotentiaries and cause them to meet together to negotiate peace. We were compelled, contrary to our expectations, to resort to arms, despite our constant abiding wish for peace, and if, in consequence of the conciliatory spirit of our opponent hostilities could be brought to an end, nothing would be more satisfactory than such consummation. Accordingly, we at once accepted the suggestion of the president of the United States, and we hereby charge you with the mission of negotiating and concluding peace. You should devote yourselves with all of your power to discharge your mission and make every effort to secure the re-establishment of peace on a durable basis."

## TO FEDERAL JURISDICTION

Case of Caleb Powers is Transferred. Under Death Sentence for the Murder of Goebel.

Caleb Powers is to be tried in the United States court for complicity in the murder of William Goebel at Frankfort. This was settled at Maysville, Kentucky, Friday, when United States District Judge Cochran announced that he would take jurisdiction in the cause, as had been requested by attorneys for Powers.

Judge Cochran's opinion holds that the prosecution against Caleb Powers, then pending in the Scott county circuit court, has been removed to the circuit court for the eastern district of Kentucky by the removal proceedings taken in Powers' behalf under section 641, United States revised statutes, and sustains his motion for a writ of habeas corpus to transfer his custody from that of the state of Kentucky to that of the United States.

The ground on which the court takes its findings is that from the petition for removal and the transcript of the record in the state court it appears that the defendant has been denied the equal protection of the law by the Scott circuit court and cannot enforce his rights there to in the court of appeals because of section 281 of the criminal code, as construed by that court.

The court further holds that the decision of the state courts against the validity of Taylor's pardon is not a good ground for removal, as it feels bound by the decision as to the validity of the pardon and the validity thereof is not secured by the last clause of the fourteenth amendment.

The largest crowd ever assembled in the local court was present to hear the reading of the opinion. It required about three hours to finish it.

Attorneys for Powers made a motion that a date be set to hear the question of bail, but Judge Cochran did not think it advisable to pass upon the question of bail until the matter of jurisdiction was settled by the court.

Judge Cochran then ordered Powers removed from the jail at Georgetown to the jail at Newport.

### OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

By President Roosevelt of the Appointment of Elihu Root.

Official announcement was made at Oyster Bay Friday that Elihu Root has been appointed secretary of state. The announcement is made on the authority of President Roosevelt in the following statement given out by Secretary Loeb:

"Elihu Root has accepted the tender by the president of the secretaryship of state. He will take the oath of office in a couple of weeks, but it will necessarily be some little time before he closes up his business affairs. He will not go to Washington permanently until some time in September.

It is the intention of Mr. Root to assume the duties of secretary of state practically at once, although it will be perhaps two weeks before he formally will take the oath of office. His professional interests are so large that he will have to devote considerable time to a satisfactory arrangement of them before taking permanent charge of the state department.

### JIM CROW STREET CAR PUZZLE.

New Tennessee Law Causes Novel Situation in Town of Bristol.

The Tennessee street car law is proving a puzzle at Bristol, Tenn. Two-thirds of the car line is on the state line between Tennessee and Virginia, being in the middle of the state line, the street dividing the cars lengthwise. This puts one-half in Tennessee and the other half in Virginia.

The negro passengers, in order to avoid the jim crow law, will have only to occupy the Virginia side of the car, but the negroes on the Tennessee side are forced to occupy a certain space.

## COTTON LEAK LAID TO HOLMES

Statistician Hyde's Assistant Sold Information to Brokers.

### DISCHARGED FROM OFFICE

Secretary Wilson Makes a Long and Detailed Statement of Whole Affair. No Ground for Prosecution.

A Washington special says: As the result of the investigation by secret service agents into the charges made by Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Cotton Planters' Association, that information had been given to cotton brokers in New York by some person or persons in the bureau of statistics, department of agriculture, Secretary Wilson Saturday made public an official report in which he states that Edwin S. Holmes, the associate statistician, has been guilty of "juggling" the official report. The report says:

"It has been found that Mr. Holmes communicated valuable information to L. C. Van Riper, a New York broker, and M. Haas of New York, who acted as a go-between in conveying the information from Holmes to other New York brokers, including Theodore Price. Steps have been taken by Secretary Wilson to prevent any further leakage of the department figures and an entire reorganization of the bureau of statistics and manner of preparing monthly crop reports has been outlined by him. The papers in connection with the investigation were referred to the United States attorney for the District of Columbia and he has reported that in his opinion a criminal prosecution will not lie against Holmes. Holmes has been dismissed from the service of the department."

According to the report, Wilson Judd of New York, formerly in the employ of L. N. Van Riper, induced the latter to tell of his connection with Holmes and then gave the information to Mr. Cheatham. Van Riper became the principal witness in the investigation conducted by the secret service and said he was induced to communicate the fact that advance information was given out by Holmes because he had heard that Holmes and his associates had intended to try to manipulate the June cotton report. Using this information as a foundation, the secret service agents interviewed numerous persons who had been mentioned by Judeon and Van Riper as well as gathering a mass of correspondence, including many letters written by Holmes to Van Riper and others. The report made to Secretary Wilson and the secretary's comments, together with the details of the new plan of conducting the bureau of statistics, makes more than 4,000 words. It reviews the entire investigation, beginning with the charges that were laid before Secretary Wilson by Mr. Cheatham several weeks ago.

After reviewing the charges Secretary Wilson gives a summary of the testimony adduced before secret service agents. Mr. Van Riper, the New York broker, under examination, said he became acquainted with Holmes in New York in August, 1904, through a "mutual friend." According to this testimony Holmes told Van Riper he could get information concerning the government crop report, principally through the report of the general agents and the report of the state agent. Van Riper said Holmes furnished the information from time to time for several months in advance of the publication of official figures, and that information furnished by Holmes corresponded exactly with the figures afterwards published as the official crop report.

It was planned by certain interests, including parties in responsible position in the bureau of statistics, to use influence to have Mr. Hyde sent to Europe so that Mr. Holmes would be the acting head of the bureau of statistics, and in this position would have a free hand to furnish such reports as were wanted.

According to the new plan outlined by Secretary Wilson to govern the preparation of monthly reports of the bureau of statistics, the general special field agents and state agents will report on the successive crops directly to the secretary or acting secretary of agriculture. These reports will remain sealed in the custody of these officers until the day the official report is to be made.

Olmstead Succeeds Holmes. Victor H. Olmstead has been appointed associate statistician of the department to succeed Holmes. Mr. Olmstead has for some time past held the position of chief of the division of domestic crop reports.

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